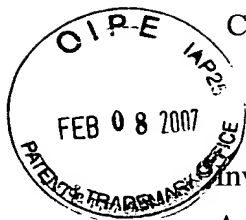


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Sir:

This is a preliminary response for the continuing prosecution of the above application. This is responsive to the Final Rejection mailed 11 August 2006. The Applicants have attached a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of the period for response, thus making this response timely.

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